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MIGDEN ISSUES WARNING TO BEWARE OF C.O.D. SCAM

Carole Migden, Chairwoman, State Board of Equalization (BOE) today warned taxpayers they should be aware of a scam involving C.O.D. package deliveries purported to be from the BOE.

The C.O.D. packages are delivered by someone claiming to be from a common carrier that typically offers same-day or overnight delivery. Impersonating a Fed-Ex worker, the delivery person asks for, and receives, a cash payment of an \$18.50 C.O.D. charge. Since the payment is made in cash, taxpayers have no way to recover their loss.

“It is important that business owners pay close attention to the materials that are delivered to them under pretense they are from BOE,” Migden said. “We never send materials C.O.D. If someone tries to deliver such a package, do not accept it. Please report the incident to local law enforcement and to our offices.”

Several incidents have been reported in northern and southern California in which a C.O.D. package is delivered that is addressed from the California State Board of Equalization, 1891 Alhambra Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95816. This address is not a valid BOE address. It has been determined that the packages and the C.O.D. forms are fraudulent. Although not a widespread problem, BOE takes these incidents seriously.

Business owners can protect themselves by knowing these facts:

- The Board of Equalization never sends materials C.O.D.
- Delivery people usually wear uniforms and carry photo identification.

Any attempt to deliver a C.O.D. package addressed from the State Board of Equalization should be considered suspicious and be reported to local law enforcement, and to Darlene Allen, Chief, Internal Security and Audit Division, State Board of Equalization, at 1-800-400-7115.

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